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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee

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**Re: SB 1089 An Act Concerning Mental Health Services**

This is my written testimony in support of SB 1089 (sections 23-29). I am asking that the committee reviewing this bill consider creating licensure for behavior analysts. We must consider the benefits of licensure of behavior analysts including consumer protection, the development of regulations and sanctions for those not providing quality of services or not abiding to code of ethics and establishing a process for the state of Connecticut to ensure behavior analysts are practicing as licensed professionals in Connecticut. These individuals are working in our schools, hospitals, homes, and community with some of our most disabled populations. Behavior analysts need to be licensed for consumer protection.

Thank you for your consideration

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